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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1.-95. (Canceled)

Claim 96. (Currently Amended) A locking system, comprising:

a portable electronic device having a wall defining a security slot; and

a security device comprising

a housing,

a slot engagement member sized to enter into and be removed from said security slot, wherein the slot engagement member is insertable into and removable from the slot when the security device is in an unlocked configuration and wherein said slot engagement member is retained within said security slot when the security device is in a locked configuration,

a retractable inhibiting member coupled to said housing, the retractable inhibiting member inhibiting removal of the slot engagement member from the security slot when the security device is in the locked configuration, the retractable inhibiting member being retractable relative to the slot engagement member, and

a cable, coupled to said housing, for attaching to an object other than said portable electronic device,

wherein the security slot has dimensions of about 3 mm x about 7 mm.

Claim 97. (Previously Presented) The locking system of claim 96 wherein said slot engagement member rotates when moving between an unlocked position and a locked position.

Claim 98. (Previously Presented) The locking system of claim 96 wherein said slot engagement member has a slot engaging portion that is complementary to preselected dimensions of said security slot.

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Claim 99. (Canceled)

Claim 100. (Previously Presented) The locking system of claim 96 wherein said retractable inhibiting member extends through said housing.

Claims 101.-106. (Canceled)

Claim 107. (Previously Presented) The locking system of claim 96 wherein the portable electronic device is a portable computer.

Claim 108.-109. (Canceled)

Claim 110. (New) A system, comprising:
a portable electronic device having a wall defining a generally rectangular security slot having dimensions of about 3 mm by about 7 mm; and
a security device comprising
a slot engagement member sized to enter into and be removed from said security slot, wherein the slot engagement member is insertable into and removable from the slot when the security device is in a first configuration and wherein said slot engagement member is retained within said security slot when the security device is in a second configuration, and
an inhibiting member coupled to said slot engagement member, the inhibiting member inhibiting removal of the slot engagement member from the security slot when the slot engagement member is in the second configuration.

Claim 111. (new) The locking system of claim 96 wherein the portable electronic device is a portable computer.

Claim 112. (new) The locking system of claim 96 wherein the security device further comprises a key lock proximate the slot engagement member.